

112TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1639

---

## AN ACT

To amend title 36, United States Code, to authorize the American Legion under its Federal charter to provide guidance and leadership to the individual departments and posts of the American Legion, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. ADDITIONAL POWER OF AMERICAN LEGION**  
2 **UNDER FEDERAL CHARTER.**

3 Section 21704 of title 36, United States Code, is  
4 amended—

5 (1) by redesignating paragraph (5) through (8)  
6 as paragraphs (6) through (9), respectively; and

7 (2) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-  
8 lowing new paragraph (5):

9 “(5) provide guidance and leadership to organi-  
10 zations and local chapters established under para-  
11 graph (4), but may not control or otherwise influ-  
12 ence the specific activities and conduct of such orga-  
13 nizations and local chapters;”.

Passed the Senate October 6, 2011.

Attest:

*Secretary.*



112TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1639

## AN ACT

To amend title 36, United States Code, to authorize the American Legion under its Federal charter to provide guidance and leadership to the individual departments and posts of the American Legion, and for other purposes.